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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated body member and a second material that is substantially non-transparent, the elongated body member having one or more legs that are adapted to extend at least partially into and secure the elongated body member to a relatively planar substrate; and

wherein the elongated body includes a removable portion that includes the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the cavity.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim-[[1]] 12 wherein the first material and the second material are integrally formed.

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4. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 12 wherein the first material and the second material are formed separately and subsequently secured together.

5. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 12 wherein selected legs include a tooth that extends laterally away from the leg.

6. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 12 wherein the elongated member body includes two or more legs each having a tooth that extends laterally away from the leg, each tooth being adapted to engage a back side of the substrate after the two or more legs are inserted through a hole in the substrate.

7. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 12 wherein the one or more legs extend continuously along the length of the elongated member body.

8. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 12 wherein the one or more legs are spaced along the length of the elongated member body.

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9. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 23 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

10. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 23 wherein the elongated light source is a linear emitting fiber.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a first surface and one or more other surfaces, the elongated body further having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent which extends from the cavity to the first surface of the elongated body and a second material that is substantially non-transparent; and

one or more legs that extend out from one or more of the other surfaces of the elongated body, the one or more legs ~~including means~~ adapted to aid in securing the elongated body directly to a relatively planar substrate; and

wherein the elongated body includes a removable portion that includes the cavity, the

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removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body.

13. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the one or more legs extend out into ~~[[a]]~~ the substrate to help secure the elongated member to the substrate.

14. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the elongated body is made from a material having elastomeric properties.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[15]]~~ 12 wherein the removable portion includes a different material than the remainder of the elongated body.

17. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[15]]~~ 12 wherein the removable portion includes a material that has different elastomeric properties than the remainder of the elongated body.

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18-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[18]]~~ 27 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

22. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~[[18]]~~ 27, wherein the elongated light source is a linear emitting fiber.

23. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent and extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated body, the elongated body further including a non-transparent material that extends between the cavity and an outer surface of the elongated body; and

wherein the elongated body includes a removable portion that includes the cavity and is adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the elongated light source.

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24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim [[24]] 27 wherein the elongated member body includes a second material that is substantially non-transparent.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a first surface and one or more other surfaces, the elongated body further having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent which extends from the cavity to the first surface of the elongated body, the elongated body including a removable portion that includes the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the elongated light source.

28. (Newly Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

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29. (Newly Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the elongated light source is a linear emitting fiber.

30. (Newly Presented) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, the elongated body including a removable portion that includes the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the elongated light source.

31. (Newly Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 30 wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent,

32. (Newly Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 31 wherein the elongated body includes:

a carrier having a first support leg and a spaced second support leg both extending from a back support to define a slot therebetween; and

wherein the removable portion is adapted to be inserted into the slot.

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33. (Newly Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 32 wherein the removable portion is adapted to provide a bumper or rub-rail function.

34. (Newly Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the removable portion is adapted to provide a bumper or rub-rail function.

35. (Newly Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 23 wherein the removable portion is adapted to provide a bumper or rub-rail function.

36. (Newly Presented) A lighting apparatus according to claim 27 wherein the removable portion is adapted to provide a bumper or rub-rail function.

37. (Newly Presented) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated body having a first surface and one or more other surfaces, the elongated body further having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by a material that is at least partially transparent which extends from the cavity to the first surface of the elongated body, the elongated body including a removable portion that defines at least part of the cavity, the removable portion being adapted to be selectively

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removable from the remainder of the elongated body to provide access to the elongated light source.